

to state definitely how many companies are fully organized. Arms and equipments have been issued to but five companies. The remainder of the ordnance stores mentioned in my last report, is carefully stored in the Arsenal.

The Detailed Militia have been called out by the local civil authorities in three Counties, Jones, Craven and Wake, and, as I am informed, the special object of the call, in each case, was very successfully obtained.

The assassination of Sheriff Colgrove and two colored men in Jones County, and the burning of several buildings, produced such a state of excitement that further outrages were very seriously feared, and, in compliance with request of civil authorities, a detachment of one of the Militia companies of Wake County was sent there by your order. On their arrival quiet was restored; and, after remaining a month and a half, and fears of other acts of violence having in a measure subsided, they were withdrawn.

In regard to this organization, I would respectfully submit same objections and recommendations, in substance, that I offered in my last report.

Believing the Detailed Militia to have been productive of good results, and, as a posse, of considerable efficiency, yet as a military organization, I think it liable to these serious objections:

*First.* By allowing every person to obtain exemption by paying a commutation tax, none but volunteers can be taken; and persons having regular employment are not inclined to leave it for a few days service at the small pay allowed soldiers.

*Secondly.* No drill is required by which alone steadiness, good order, and obedience can be readily secured.

*Thirdly.* The organization is not adapted to use of tactics prescribed by the War Department for the United States Army and State Militia.

The section is the unit, which would be a serious objection